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SUBJECT: CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA: DISCUSSION OF FINAL
COMMUNIQUE

1. UN OFFICIALS SPENT MOST OF APRIL 6 DRAFTING AND REDRAFTING A FINAL COMMUNIQUE IN AN EFFORT TO ACCOMMODATE THE VASTLY DIFFERING DESIRES OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT AND TURKISH CYPRIOT REPRESENTATIVES IN VIENNA. SEVERAL INDIVIDUAL DRAFTS WERE SHOWN TO THE US OBSERVER WITH A REQUEST THAT THEY NOT BE SUBMITTED TO WASHINGTON UNTIL THE PARTIES CAME CLOSER TO AN UNDERSTANDING ON THE TEXT. DURING THE COURSE OF THE DAY, UN OFFICIALS BECAME INCREASINGLY DOUBTFUL THAT THEIR EFFORT WOULD PROVE SUCCESSFUL AND THEY INDICATED THAT IF NO AGREEMENT WAS REACHED AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE ON APRIL 7, AMBASSADOR DE CUELLAR WOULD READ A STATEMENT ON HIS OWN AUTHORITY AND THEN BRIEFLY ANSWER PRESS QUESTIONS. UN OFFICIALS HOPED TO AVOID THIS KIND OF NEGATIVE DEVELOPMENT ON THE LAST DAY IN VIENNA BUT SAID THEY
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WERE PREPARED TO PROCEED IN THIS WAY IF THE HAGGLING BETWEEN ONAN AND PAPADOPOULOS PERSISTED MUCH LONGER.

2. THE CURRENT VERSION OF THE DRAFT COMMUNIQUE AS OF THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 7, READS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: THE FIRST ROUND OF THE NEW SERIES

OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WAS HELD IN VIENNA FROM 31 MARCH TO 7 APRIL 1977. THE FIRST FIVE MEETINGS WERE HELD UNDER THE PERSONAL AUSPICES OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL. FOLLOWING THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S SCHEDULED DEPARTURE FROM VIENNA ON 4 APRIL, EIGHT MORE MEETINGS WERE HELD ON HIS BEHALF BY HIS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN CYPRUS, MR. JAVIER PEREZ DE CUELLAR.

"THE INTERLOCUTORS INITIATED THE DISCUSSION OF THE PRINCIPAL ASPECTS OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GUIDELINES AGREED UPON AT THE HIGH LEVEL MEETING HELD IN NICOSIA ON 12 FEBRUARY 1977 IN THE PRESENCE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS. PROPOSALS WERE SUBMITTED ON THE TERRITORIAL ASPECTS OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GREEK CYPRIOTS AND ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY. THESE PROPOSALS, AS WELL AS SOME OTHER DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED DURING THE COURSE OF THE MEETINGS, WERE DISCUSSED AND CERTAIN CLARIFICATIONS WERE MADE. (COMMENT: IT IS THIS SENTENCE THAT PAPADOPOULOS THINKS IS TOO VAGUE AND MUST BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE A REFERENCE TO THE GREEK CYPRIOT CONSTITUTIONAL DOCUMENT. PAPADOPOULOS ALSO WANTS A SENTENCE AT THIS POINT INDICATING THAT FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES EXIST BETWEEN THE POSITIONS OF THE TWO SIDES. END COMMENT.) THE POSITIONS OF THE TWO SIDES CONCERNING CERTAIN SPECIFIC QUESTIONS OF PRINCIPLE CONTAINED IN THE GUIDELINES WERE ALSO DISCUSSED. CONFIDENTIAL

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"IT IS THE INTENTION TO PURSUE A SUSTAINED PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION WITH THE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE AN AGREED SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. TO THIS END, THE TALKS WILL RESUME IN NICOSIA IN EARLY MAY UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL IN PREPARATION FOR A FURTHER ROUND IN VIENNA." END TEXT. MEEHAN

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